

BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Cross Houses Community Centre
Thursday 5th March 2026,

MINUTES

1. **Chairs welcome.** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting
2. **Present** Councillor H Carpenter-Chairman, Councillor H Eccles- Vice-Chairman, Councillor A Abbott, Councillor C Morris, Councillor S Hess, Councillor M Rathbone
Apologies were received from A Yeomans who was unwell. Councillor N Biggs was not present-. Also, present Shropshire Councillor S Coleman, L Pardoe, clerk to the council and 7 members of the public
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest.** There were none declared at this point
4. **Council to agree the minutes of the January 2026 meeting.** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor H Eccles, seconded by Councillor C Morris and agreed by all members present.
5. **Public session.** *Standing Orders were lifted to allow the members of the public to speak*
 - a. **Report on progress on Community Speedwatch to date.** There was nothing to report at this time. They are still waiting for the police to meet with them on site .
 - b. A Resident who gets marooned in her house at Brompton put the problem on Fix my Street . She was stuck for just under three weeks .The tenant farmer thought that he saw a drain but it seems that National Trust have planted trees over it. The Regional Manager S Armstrong is looking into the archives to see if there any mention of the forgotten drain .
 - c. Another resident was talking about the speeding through the village outside the Bell. They also had concerns over the old railway lines in regard to the new development at Berrington Meadows. Shropshire Councillor Coleman told them that they could report their concerns about the development on the Planning application on the Planning Portal.
Standing Orders were reinstated to allow the Council meeting to continue
6. **Employment Committee to report to council on the Interviewing process.** The Chairman reported that they had received several applications for the post of Clerk and had selected two to interview. They had selected from the two candidates and she would start on 1st April and work alongside the clerk for a month and take up her duties properly on 1st May when the existing clerk leaves.
7. **Shropshire Councillors Report.** Councillor Colemand reported that the council had approved the budget. They had been given permission to borrow £192 million. This will be a loan to be paid back with interest. The North West Relief Road has been cancelled so the money that Shropshire Council had from Government has to be repaid.
They are currently recruiting for a new CEO for Shropshire Council. They have had a stay of execution to demolish the Shirehall. They are looking at alternative uses for the building. The Social care budget is more than 80% of the budget.
8. **Planning Matters**
 - **a) Decisions.**
 - Reference: 25/02751/FUL
Address: Proposed Residential land to the East of Ridout Road, Crosshouses

Proposal: Residential development for 55 no dwellings. Awaiting Decision

- Reference: 25/03909/VRA106 (validated: 17/10/2025)
Address: 32 High Cross Avenue, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6LJ
Proposal: Variation of Section 106 Legal Obligation pursuant to S/90/227/61/90 and S/90/1102/61/90 to allow for an amendment to the discounted price. Awaiting decision
- Reference - 25/04876/FUL
Proposal - Amendment to the approved cable route associated with Berrington Solar Farm (Planning Ref: 22/04355/FUL), proposing an alternative 2,220-metre underground loop-in loop-out grid connection.
LOCATION: - Cliff House, Berrington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY6HL. Awaiting decision

b) Applications received after the agenda has been prepared

- 9. Report on state of readiness of defibrillator-** the new cabinet has been installed
The clerk explained that she had been told by J Sharrocks that the original defib had needed an updated for the software, which it had now had. It was also over 10 year old and out of warranty. It needed a new battery and new pads which would be over £500 and half the cost of a new defibrillator. He wanted to know if the council wanted to buy a new defibrillator .
The clerk told the meeting about a company called Defib Machines which for a cost of £1 per day you rent a defibrillator from them. The deal provides a full and comprehensive package. Members said that they would like to see more information about this.

10. Progress Report on items from previous meetings

- a. **VAS signs**
- b. **Village Gateways.** It was agreed that the clerk should order these items
- c. **Footpath Cantlop Mill** no progress, this is a major project and unlikely to get completed at the moment.
- d. **Speeding through Cantlop Cross .** The Council to get the Assistant PCC to go to Cantlop to see the speeding for herself.

- 11. Clerks report to cover items not on the agenda-verbal.** The meeting with the Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner would be on Tuesday 24th March at 4.00pm. meeting in the car park of the Community Centre and walking out to view the traffic.

- 12. Highways matters- Report of Flooding at Brompton.** See public session.

Members to report any highways issues

Members to consider Community Vision updated from 2020/2021.

13. Financial Matters

- a. Council to agree payment of monthly invoices as presented by the Clerk .It was agreed to pay the invoices as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor H

Carpenter ,seconded by Councillor A Abbott and agreed by all members present.

49		Shropshire Council	206.77
50		RK Contracting	96.00
51		SLB Groundcare	2771.87
52		SLB Groundcare	46.56
53		L Pardoe	96.40
	D/D	H Fox	20.99
	D/D	EE	38.57
	S/O	L Pardoe	701.86
	S/O	R Yeomans	227.52
		Bank Charges	4.25
	D/D	Talkmobile	7.95
54		National Trust	0.61
55		E-on	1065.29
		subtotal	5284.64

- b. Council to accept the Monthly Bank Reconciliation as presented by the Clerk .It was agreed to accept the Bank reconciliation as presented by the clerk. proposed by Councillor H Carpenter , seconded by Councillor A Abbot and agreed by all members present.

14. Parish Matters Councillor Rathbone reported that work would start on April 20 to restore the Pump in Berrington. The Rights of Way will be open for this summer. Councillor C Morris asked if we could arrange a date for the Litter Pick. It was agreed to hold this on a Saturday morning for 2 hours from 10.00 am to 12.00

15. Date and time of next meeting-It was agreed that this would be held on Thursday 9th April 2026 starting at 7.00pm

16. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 7.45 pm.